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BRIEF OF APPELLANTS

This Appeal Brief, pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed January 5, 2005, is an appeal from the rejection by the Examiner in the Office Action dated October 6, 2004.

REAL PARTY IN INTEREST

International Business Machines, Inc. is the real party in interest.

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RELATED APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

None.

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STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-20, 25, and 26 are withdrawn. Claims 33-34 are canceled. Claims 21, 22, 24, 27, 28, 31 and 36-39 are rejected. Claims 23, 29, 30, 32, and 35 are allowed. The rejection of

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